

exist, they are virtually synonymous -- they give meaning to their creators' lives. They allow one to share what's within one's head.

-- M. K. Book

Highland Park NJ

# TALKING TO A PART OF MY MAILBOX ...

boy, don't come around here telling me you  
can't cut it, that  
they're pitching you low and inside, that  
they are co-ercing against you,  
all you want is a chance but they won't  
give you a  
chance.

boy, the problem is that you're not doing  
what you want to do, or  
if you're doing what you want to do, you're  
just not doing it  
well.

boy, I agree:  
there's not much opportunity, and there are  
some at the top who are  
not doing it much better than you  
are  
but  
you're wasting energy haranguing and  
bitching.

boy, I'm not advising, just suggesting that  
instead of sending your poems to me  
along with your ranting letters of  
complaint  
you should enter the  
arena --  
send your work to the editors and  
publishers; it will  
buck up your backbone and your  
versatility.

boy, I wish to thank you for the  
praise of some of my  
published works  
but that  
has nothing to do with



anything and won't help a  
purple shit, you've just got to  
learn to hit that low and  
inside  
pitch.

this is a form letter  
I send to almost everybody and  
I hope you take it  
personally,  
man.

#### SAVE THE TREES

I think there's no doubt that if  
you're going to write it well  
you have to live it well  
also  
and sometimes you live it so  
well  
you kill yourself and can't  
write it at  
all  
which I think is more practical  
than writing it all  
and killing yourself  
later.

-- Charles Bukowski

San Pedro CA

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